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1. A PROPOSED SEMINAR PROGRAM SCHEDULE SUGGESTED BY RTG
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND AREAS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST FOLLOWS:

FEB. 28

1330-1430 U.S. OFFICIALS VISIT TO DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
TRADE (DFT), MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

1500-1700 DISCUSSIONS WITH DFT OFFICIALS AT EXPORT
SERVICE CENTER. (OF PARTICULAR INTEREST
IS THE PREPARATION OF FORM A AND THE COMPUTA-
TION OF COST OR VALUE ADDED REQUIREMENTS IN THE
DETERMINATION OF THAILAND AS COUNTRY OF ORIGIN,
REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR ADDITIONS TO
U.S. GSP LIST, THE COMPETITIVE NEED FORMULA AND
PROVISIONS FOR EXCLUSION -- THE 50 PERCENT AND
DOLLAR LIMITATIONS.)

MARCH 1

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0900-1015 OVERVIEW PROVIDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION,
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF U.S. GSP.

1015-1030 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1030-1045 COFFEE BREAK

1045-1200 U.S. CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES (TO
BE CONTINUED AFTER LUNCH)

1200-1330 LUNCH HOSTED BY DFT WITH THAI TRADE OFFICIALS.

1330-1445 U.S. CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES (CONTINUED) - (THE ROLE AND USE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN; ENFORCEMENT OF AND COMPLIANCE TO REGULATIONS OF USG AND ITS AGENCIES GOVERNING THE U.S. IMPORTATION OF FOODS, PACKAGING, LABELING AND ETC.)

1445-1500 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1500-1630 THAILAND'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN ASSISTING THAI EXPORTERS. PANEL DISCUSSION TO BE LED BY DFT OFFICIALS.

1630-1700 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (U.S. OFFICIALS PRESENT AND ASSISTING IN RESPONSES)

MARCH 2

GROUP CONSULTATIONS - SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND CLASSIFICATION OF INDUSTRIES TO BE ARRANGED.

2. THE AUDIENCE AND PARTICIPANTS AT THE SEMINAR ON MARCH 1 WILL BE COMPOSED LARGELY OF THAI PRODUCERS, EXPORTERS AND POTENTIAL EXPORTERS OF PRODUCTS ON THE U.S. GSP LIST. ON MARCH 2, THAI PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS WILL BE GROUPED ACCORDING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE INDUSTRIES (APPROXIMATELY 20 IN EACH GROUP). PRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE ORIENTED TOWARD U.S. GSP ADVANTAGES FOR PRODUCTS OF THE INDUSTRY GROUP. MINCOMMERCE IS ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY GROUPS THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE GROUP CONSULTATIONS. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT A DEFINITIVE LIST OF THESE INDUSTRIES WHEN COMPLETED.

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COMPLETED EARLY NEXT WEEK.

3. MINCOMMERCE OFFICIALS HAVE REQUESTED HANDOUTS AND DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE THAT CAN BE REPRODUCED FOR DISTRIBUTION. PLEASE ADVISE IF DEPARTMENT CAN COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST.

4. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTIONS FOR SEMINAR WOULD BE WELCOME. WHITEHOUSE

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